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Elbert County / GDOT District 1 - Gainesville
SR 77 @ Falling Creek - Bridge Replacement

FROM: *for* *Dane Peters*
R. Christopher Rudd, PE, State Design Policy Engineer

TO: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: APPROVED LOCATION & DESIGN REPORT


Attached is the approved Location and Design Report with Notice of Location & Design Approval for the above subject project.

Attachment

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FILE: P.I. 0013887, Elbert County
SR 77 @ FALLING CREEK 6.1 MI S OF ELBERTON

DATE: May 15, 2020  for

FROM: Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator

TO: Office of Design Policy and Support via ConceptReports@dot.ga.gov

SUBJECT: Submittal – Location and Design (L&D) Report

The Office of Program Delivery hereby submits the attached Location and Design (L&D) Report for your review and approval.

If any additional information is needed, please contact Scott Mann at (404) 931-1304.

KWN:CLB:SHP:DDC:SFM

Attachments: Completed Location & Design approval request



Location and Design Report

DATE: 5/15/2020

FILE: P.I.# 0013887
Elbert County / GDOT District 1 - Gainesville
SR 77 @ Falling Creek 6.1 Mi S of Elberton

FROM: Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator

TO: R. Christopher Rudd, PE, State Design Policy Engineer
Attn: Dave Peters, State Conceptual Design Group Manager

SUBJECT: Request for Location and Design Approval

Description and Project Proposal: The proposed project replaces an existing load restricted bridge over Falling Creek on SR 77. The project is located approximately 6.1 miles south west of Elberton. Construction would begin approximately 0.2 miles north of the River Road north intersection and upon reaching Falling Creek, a new bridge would be constructed to the east maintaining traffic on the existing bridge during construction. The project would then continue north and merge with the existing alignment approximately 0.7 miles south of Wyche Circle.

The proposed typical section for the alignment would consist of a 2-lane rural roadway, 12-ft. travel lanes with 10-ft. shoulders (4-ft. paved) on each side. The proposed bridge would consist of a 2-lane section with 12-ft. travel lanes and 6-ft. shoulders. The total length of this project would be approximately 0.6-miles. The right-of-way (ROW) is anticipated to be vary from 100-ft. to 215-ft. The local government advises not closing the bridge during construction because of the high impacts to emergency services, school bus routes, and the traveling public at large.

Concept Approval Date: March 2, 2018

Concept Update: NA

Environmental Document:

Document Type: NEPA - Programmatic Categorical Exclusion

Approval Date: May 20, 2020


Public Involvement:

- No Public Information Open House or Public Detour Open House will be necessary for this project. Roadway will not be closed during construction.

Consistency with Approved Planning: The design description as presented herein and submitted for approval is consistent with the approved Concept Report.

County: Elbert

Recommendations: Recommend that the location and design for the project be approved and that the attached Notice be approved for advertising.

Concur:  6/2/2020
GDOT Director of Engineering Date

Approve: For GDOT Chief Engineer 6-2-2020
Date

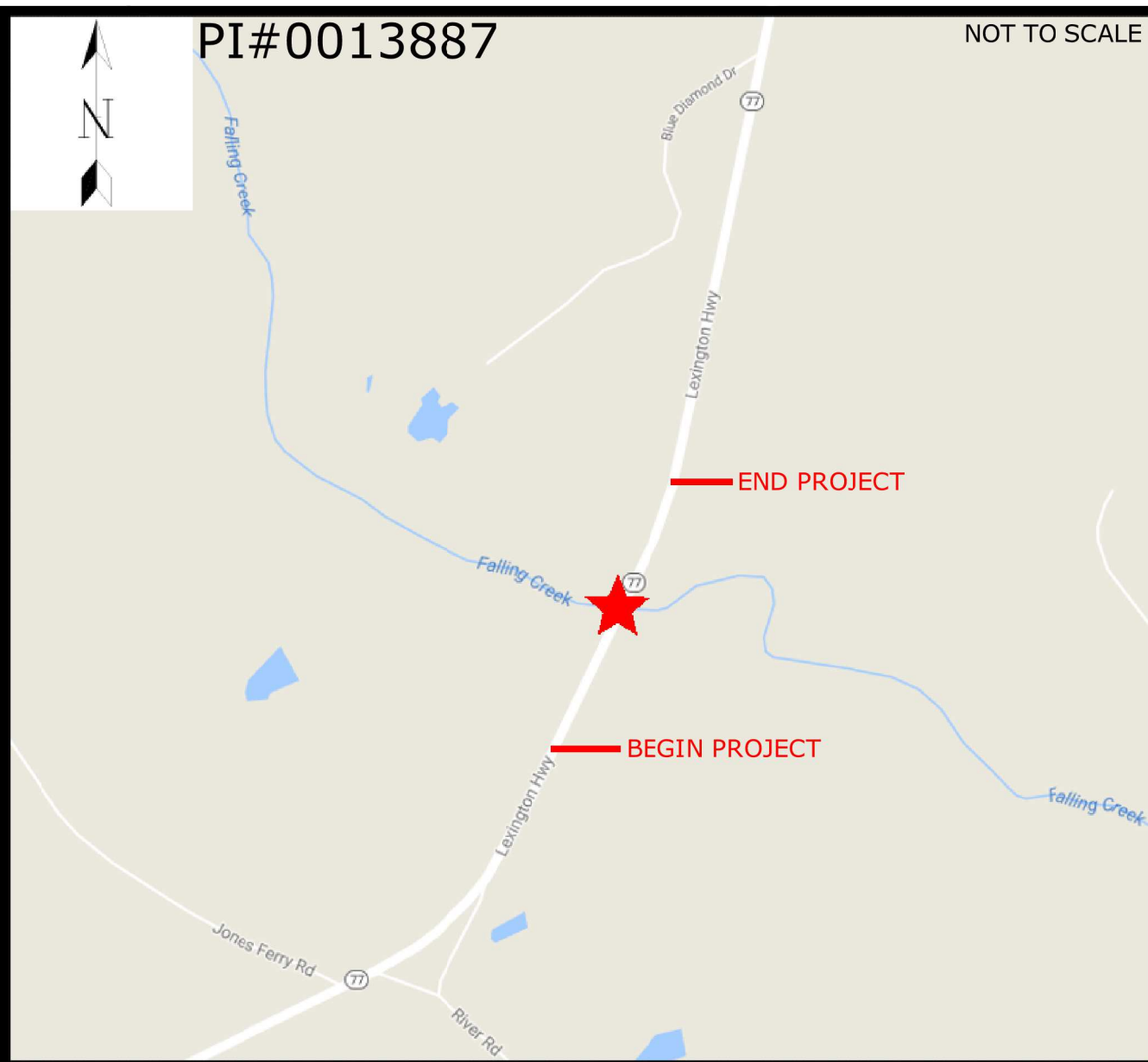
DATE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL: June 5, 2020
(To be entered by State Conceptual Design Group Manager)

Attachments:

- Project Location Sketch Map
- Notice of Location and Design Approval
- Detour Impact Form from the Local Government



ELBERT COUNTY



PI 0013887, Elbert County
Georgia Department of Transportation
Bridge Replacement Project
Detour Impact Form for County Administrator

Using the attached project map, please respond to the questions below. Please provide as much information as you feel is necessary. Please respond to all questions – use “N/A” or “Unknown” if no relevant information to question is available. If you need additional information or mapping for this project, please contact us.

1. Please quantify the number of impacts anticipated by an off-site detour.

Daily Number of vehicles _____

Daily Number of Trucks _____

Number of Residences _____

Number of Businesses _____

Detour Length _____

2. Please rate the impact on service if the bridge were closed for up to a year?

☐ No Concerns ☐ Moderate Concerns ☒ Major Concerns

3. If concerns were identified, please specify what they are below, be as specific as possible (Conditions of detour route, location of students, new development expected, weight restrictions, etc.)

*Road condition of Jones Ferry Road - This road will not accommodate all of the truck traffic that will use this road.
A lot of residential homes on this road*

4. Are there any future time periods or events that you know of where bridge closure would be of particular concern? Please note the event and any details you are familiar with.

None

5. Is there anyone you feel we should contact specifically regarding this project? Please note their name, phone number, and reason we should contact them?

6. Are there any additional comments you have regarding the project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

This is a major route for employment traffic coming into Elbert County and going to Oglethorpe County. Also a lot of granite truck and logging truck traffic.

Form Completed by (Name): *Bob Thomas*

(Title): *County Administrator*

Date: *9/18/2017*

NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL

P. I. 0013887

ELBERT COUNTY

Notice is hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.

The date of location and design approval is: **June 5, 2020**

The proposed project is located in Elbert County approximately 6.1 miles south of Elberton, GA in GMD 193. The proposed construction would begin approximately 0.2 miles north of River Road and end approximately 0.7 miles south of Wyche Circle.

The proposed typical section for the roadway consists of a 2-lane roadway, with 12-ft. travel lanes and 10-ft. shoulders (4-ft. paved) on each side. The proposed bridge would consist of a 2-lane section with 12-ft. travel lanes and 6-ft. shoulders. The total length of this project would be approximately 0.4-miles. Traffic will be maintained on the existing roadway until construction is complete.

NOTE: Ordinarily the maps or plats would be available for public review at our area office. Due to current COVID-19 measures, members of the public are not allowed to enter state buildings at this time. We apologize for the inconvenience. Anyone with questions or concerns about the project should call or email the area engineer listed below. To obtain copies of the drawings, maps or plats, please follow the instructions outlined below.

P. Shane Jones, Area Manager
District 1, Area 3
phjones@dot.ga.gov
301 Conger Road
Carnesville, GA 30521
706-384-7269

Any interested party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to:

Kimberly W. Nesbitt
Office of Program Delivery
Attn: Scott Mann
smann@dot.ga.gov
Georgia Department of Transportation
600 West Peachtree Street, 25th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30308
404-931-1304

Any written request or communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the Project and P. I. Numbers as noted at the top of this notice.